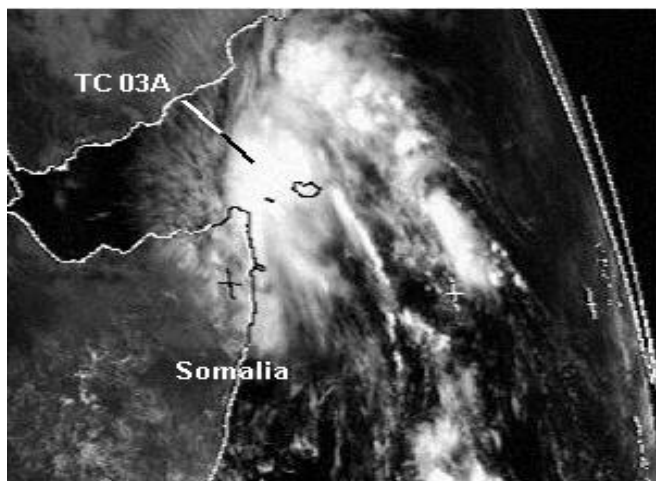


## TROPICAL CYCLONE 03A

The disturbance which became Tropical Cyclone (TC) 03A was first noted on the 07 November Significant Tropical Weather Advisory (ABIO) at 9N 54E. It was embedded within a widespread area of convection associated with broad troughing. The first warning was issued at 0600Z on 08 November. The system initially tracked northwestward at 6 kt (11 km/hr) towards the coast of Somalia with an intensity of 35 kt (18 m/sec). It maintained a 35 kt (18 m/sec) intensity over the next 18 hours despite the presence of moderate vertical wind shear as it approached the coast. By 0000Z on 09 November, TC 03A had made landfall over the northeast tip of Somalia. The partially exposed low-level center dissipated completely over land within the next 06 to 18 hours. No reports of damage were received by JTWC.



**Figure 3-3A-1** TC 03A after reaching landfall (080830Z November visible Meteosat imagery).

